

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Senate Bill 1552 because an extension of the sunset date for the successful Economic and Workforce Development Program will ensure continued education and training services for California businesses, as well as a stable infrastructure to support long-term efforts at revitalizing career technical education programs in our high schools and community colleges.

However, I am concerned with the Legislative intent provision that the Chancellor perform an independent evaluation of the program within budgeted local assistance funding. First, I do not believe that it is appropriate to use Proposition 98 General Fund local assistance resources for a state operations activity. Moreover, I am aware that this program has been evaluated previously, determined worthwhile, and that that annual reporting on the program is quite comprehensive. Therefore, I want to work with the author on introducing cleanup legislation in the next legislative session that deletes this requirement.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger